

Blanco Ranger  
District  
220 E Market Street  
Meeker, CO 81641



## **GILLEY LAKE TRAIL # 1833**

**Difficulty:** Moderate      **Trail Use:** Moderate      **Length:** 6/10 of a mile  
**Elevation:** Starts at 8,733 feet and ends at 8,314 feet (highest point 8,733 feet)  
**Elevation Gain:** + 0 feet – 419 feet = - 419 feet  
**Open To:** HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING

### **Access:**

The Gilley Lake Trail is located 29 miles southeast of Meeker.  
From Meeker, take State Highway 13 east for 1 mile.  
Where Highway 13 turns north, turn east on Rio Blanco County Road 8 for 20 miles.  
Turn south on the Buford-New Castle Road (RBC Rd 17 to forest boundary, then FDR 245) for 8 miles to the Gilley Lake Trail.

### **Trail Highlights:**

Gilley Lake is one in the group of lakes that make up the Seven Lakes Lodge Guest Ranch. It is the only lake of the seven on the National Forest.

### **ETHICS/REGULATIONS:**

- **Cattle:** May be grazing in the area
- **DOGS:** Possessing a dog or other animal that is harassing wildlife or people or damaging property is prohibited. There is no leash law in the Flat Tops, however dogs must be kept under verbal control at all times.
- **TRASH: PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT** -- even biodegradable items like fruit peels!
- Limit group size to 10 people and 15 stock/pack animals or less
- **SANITATION** - bury human waste 100 feet from trails and water and 6 inches in the soil
- or pack it out along with toilet paper.

WILDERNESS AREAS are in a delicate state of natural balance, they are not renewable resources. Any careless act upsets this natural balance and destroys the beauty found in the Wilderness. By following Wilderness ethics and regulations you can protect and preserve the natural qualities of the Wilderness for future visits. **PLEASE, RESPECT THE LAND AND RIGHTS OF OTHERS**

